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REPORTS RECENT WATER TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENTS

NORTH CHINA BEGINS INLAND WATERWAY TRAFFIC -- Tientsin Chin-pu Jih-pao,
20 Apr 50

Tientsin, 20 April -- Test runs from Tientsin on the Nan-yun Ho and the
Ta-ch'ing Ho have shown that regular steamer, launch, or junk traffic is fea-
sible as far as Te-hsien on the former river and to Hsin-an-chen on the lat-
ter. Upon government orders, the Tientsin branch office of the China Mer-
chants Steamship Company, on 16 April 1950, turned over the staff, offices,
and property of its interior river traffic department to the Interior Rivers
Transportation Company of the North River Transportation Bureau. Among the
boats turned over were 11 coal-carrying boats, 9 oil-carrying boats, 8 wooden
cargo boats, and 3 wooden passenger boats.

RESUMES HONG KONG-SWATOW SERVICES -- Hong Kong Shih-pao, 14 May 50

Hong Kong -- The T'ai-ku Shipping Company announced today that passenger
and cargo services between Hong Kong and Swatow, which have been suspended
for the past 6 months because of KMT blockade, will be resumed 15 May 1950.

ORGANIZES INSPECTION COMMITTEES OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS -- Hankow Ch'ang-
chiao Jih-pao, 14 Apr 50

The Department of Communications of the Hupeh Provincial government,
aided by the provincial steamship company, is organizing watch-dog commit-
tees among the workmen who are employed by private contractors in making re-
pairs on the steamers Chiang-yuan, Chien-li, Kuang-hua, Ching-men, Chung-
hsiang, and Ch'i-ch'un. These steamers belong to the company fleet now be-
ing repaired by private contractors.

Representatives of the labor force have been enthusiastically volun-
teering for enrollment in such teams. Already, workmen have reported in-
stances where the private contractors have been trying to avoid expense by

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slighting certain features of the work, to the serious detriment of the seaworthiness of the vessels. The workmen have thus demonstrated their sense of proprietorship in the industry, their skill in technical matters, and their ability in democratic leadership.

CONSERVATION BUREAU IN NANKING -- Ch'ang-chiang Jih-pao, 14 Apr 50

The Huai Ho Bureau of the Ministry of Water Conservation of the Central People's government set up its headquarters in Nanking as of 6 April 1950. The bureau is responsible for the government's water-conservation program on the Huai Ho and its tributaries.

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